15 USC 1717a note.

"(f) DEFINITION OF KNOWINGLY.—The term 'knowingly' means having actual knowledge of or acting with deliberate ignorance of or reckless disregard for the prohibitions under this section.

"(g) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall issue such regulations as the Secretary deems appropriate to implement this section.

"(h) USE OF PENALTIES FOR ADMINISTRATION.—Civil money penalties collected under this section shall be paid to the Secretary and, upon approval in an appropriation Act, may be used by the Secretary to cover all or part of the cost of rendering services under this title.

42 USC 3537b.

(b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply only with respect to—

(1) violations referred to in the amendment that occur on or after the effective date of this section; and

(2) in the case of a continuing violation (as determined by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development), any portion of violation referred to in the amendment that occurs on or after such date.

SEC. 112. REGISTRATION OF CONSULTANTS.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development Act, as amended by the preceding provisions of this Act, is further amended by adding at the end the following new section:

"REGISTRATION OF CONSULTANTS

"SEC. 13. (a) RECORD OF EXPENDITURES.—

"(1) REQUIREMENT TO MAINTAIN.—Each person who makes an expenditure to influence the decision of any officer or employee of the Department, through communication with such officer or employee, with respect to—

"(A) the award of any financial assistance within the jurisdiction of the Department, or

"(B) any management action involving a change in the terms and conditions or status of financial assistance

anditions, requirements, or procedures imposed by the Secretary in connection with any financial assistance.

"(2) COVERED INFORMATION.—Each person referred to in paragraph (1) shall keep a detailed and exact account of—

"(A) all such expenditures made by or on behalf of such person; and

"(B) the name and address of every person to whom any such expenditure is made and the date of the expenditure.

"(3) MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS.—Each person making such an expenditure shall obtain a bill, stating the particulars, for every such expenditure, and shall retain all records required by this section for not less than the 2-year period beginning on the date of the filing of the report required by subsection (b), which shall include the information under paragraph (2).

"(4) LIMITATION ON FEES.—Any person engaged for pay or other consideration for the purpose of attempting to influence any award or allocation of financial assistance within the jurisdiction of the Department shall not seek or receive any fee that is—

"(A) contingent in any way upon the award or allocation of financial assistance; or

"(B) in an amount that is unreasonable, as determined by the Secretary.

"(5) PENALTY.—Any person who knowingly violates this section shall be fined not more than $10,000 for each violation.

"(6) EXCEPTIONS.—The requirements of this section shall not apply to expenditures incurred in complying with